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KOSOVO'S CONSTITUTION ENTERS INTO FORCE

The United States congratulates the people of the Republic of Kosovo on the entry into force of their new constitution today. This constitution enshrines the aspiration and determination of Kosovo's citizens to create a democratic, multiethnic state that is fully integrated into the Euro-Atlantic community. The United States particularly welcomes the incorporation into the constitution of the broad minority rights protections originally proposed by UN Special Envoy Martti Ahtisaari.

Kosovo's leaders must now work to translate the lofty principles in their constitution into tangible improvements in the lives of all citizens. As a friend and partner, the United States will continue to support Kosovo's efforts to build a better future for its people.